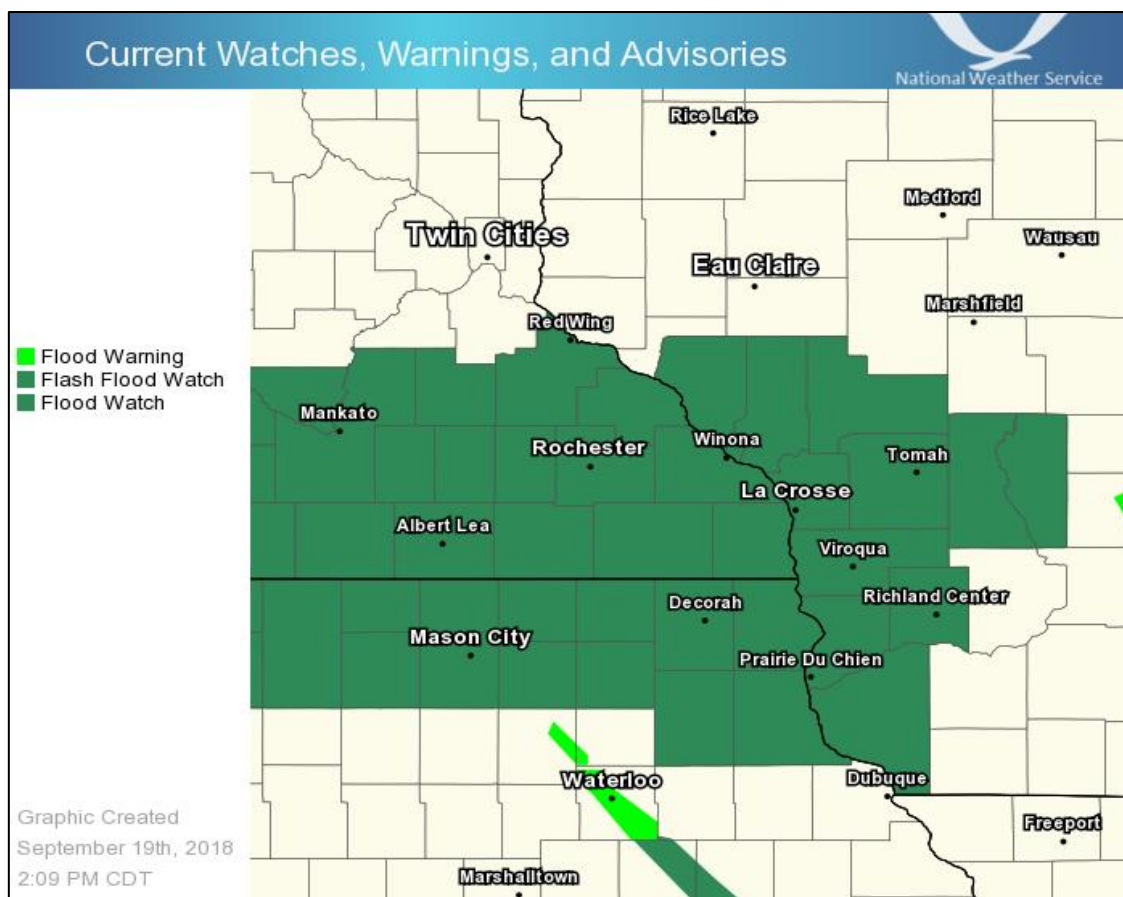




Heavy Rain – Widespread Flooding Possible



Message of the Day:

✓ An east – west area of thunderstorms is expected to redevelop tonight. This could lead to repeat thunderstorms and the potential for several more inches of rain. We will have to watch where this sets up but there are Flash Flood Watches in effect tonight for most of the area.

Important Forecast Changes

- Runoff will be quick – Flash Flooding could develop more readily
- Area rivers expected to rise again – localized flooding possible
- Flash Flood Watch expanded

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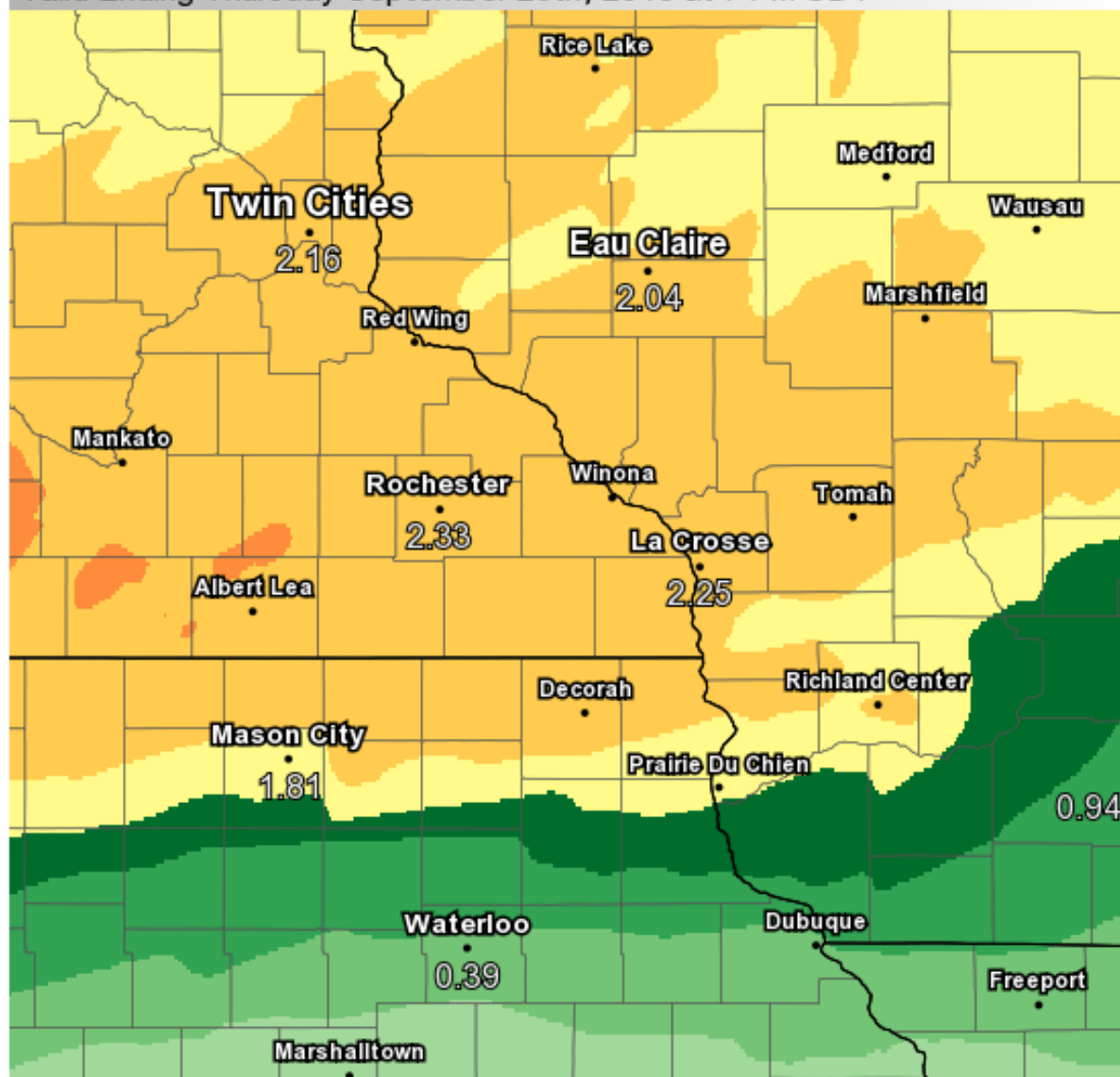
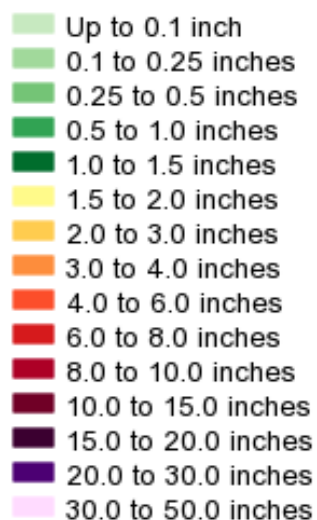


Possible Rainfall Tonight – Thursday AM

Forecast Precipitation

National Weather Service

Valid Ending Thursday September 20th, 2018 at 7 PM CDT



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Forecast Details

- Axis of heavy rain could shift north or south slightly
- Exact amounts hard to predict – could be even higher totals
- Recent rainfall will serve as a “primer” for future flooding
- Flash Flood Watch in effect through Thursday morning

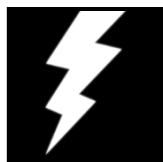
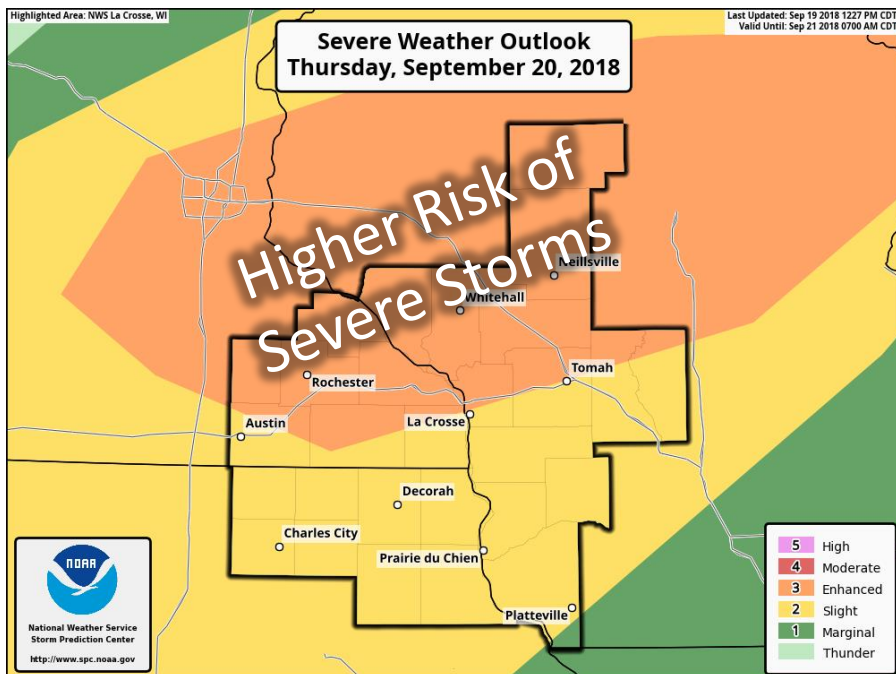


Severe Weather Outlook – Thursday PM

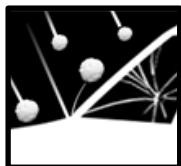
Thursday Outlook:

After morning storms & heavy rain, need to watch for development of additional severe storms – possibly a squall line with multiple threats. Threat area upgraded to level 3 (Enhanced).

Timing ~5-10 p.m. Thursday



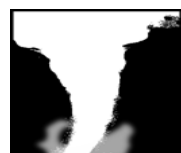
Frequent lightning



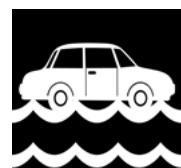
Hail possible



Damaging wind gusts (most likely threat)



Isolated tornadoes possible with stronger storms



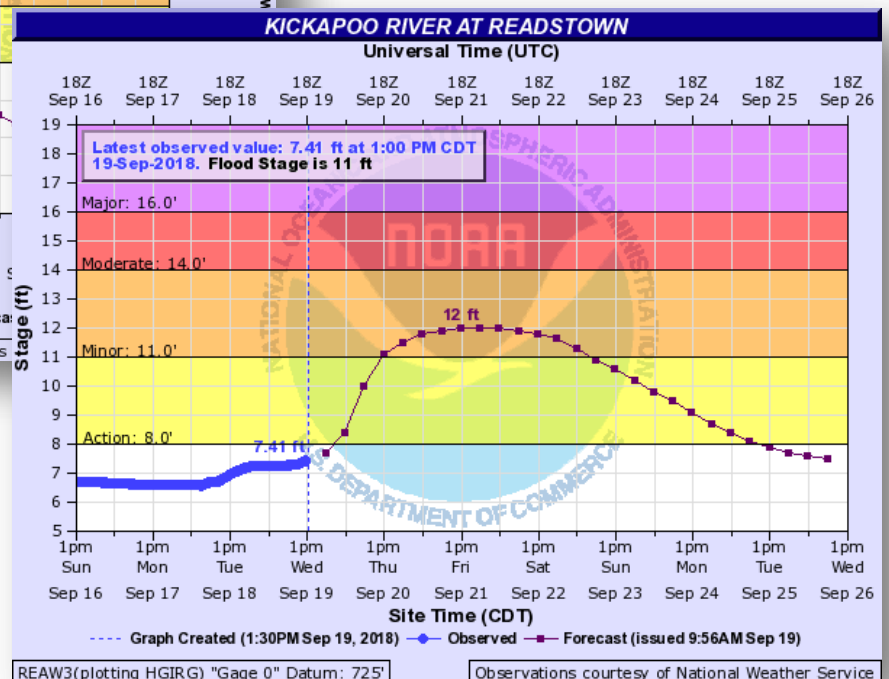
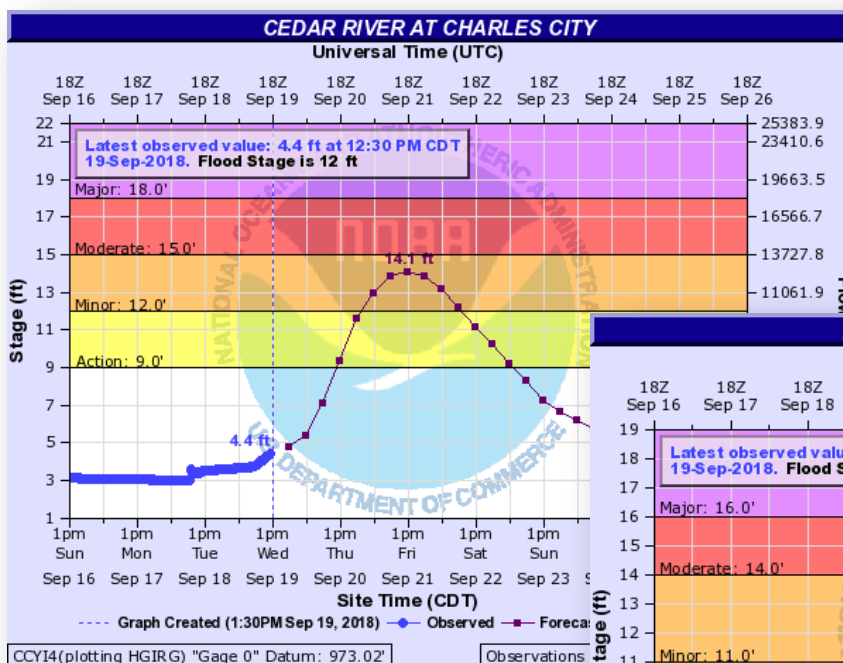
Although storms should be progressive, additional heavy rain could add to flooding



Renewed River Flooding

Potential Impacts:

- Recent rainfall, damage to drainage basins, and heavy rain expected the next 36 hours could lead to renewed river flooding.
- Will need to watch where storms align tonight.
- Although river forecasts take into account future precipitation, crest forecasts will be updated as rain reports are collected.





Message of the Day:

Be alert for flooding tonight. Repeat heavy rain will likely produce quick runoff and rises on area creeks and rivers. More road closures possible. Thursday morning commute could be impacted.



Stronger storms on Thursday afternoon / evening could produce additional severe weather threats, including damaging wind and tornadoes.

Flood Quick Facts and Preparedness:



Quick facts you should know about flooding:

- Flooding can be caused by heavy rain, rapid snow melt, coastal storms, storm surge, waterway overflow, ice jamming, levee overtopping, dam failure, or from wastewater systems.
- Flooding has occurred in every U.S. state and territory.
- It only takes 6 inches of fast-moving water to knock you off your feet.
- A car can be moved in as little as 2 feet of water.
- 90% of all U.S. natural disasters declared by the President involve flooding.

Preparedness:

Know your risk: Are you in a flood-prone area? Know your zone: www.fema.gov/flood-zones

- You must purchase separate flood insurance for your home. There is a 30 day wait period between when you buy a flood insurance policy and when it goes into effect. Plan ahead!
- A **Flood Watch** is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. *Time to prepare!*
- A **Flood Warning** is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring. *Time to act!*

Never drive into flood waters! Turn around, don't drown!

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